

NOW BORO'S SCALP FOR THE WANDERERS

Wycombe Wanderers 4, Hillingdon Borough 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS carried the Isthmian League's standard again to claim their third Southern League scalp of the season in a 4-0 Wycombe Hospital Cup win over Hillingdon Borough at Loakes Park on Tuesday evening.

After their pre-season tannings of Bath City and Cheltenham Town, Wycombe completed a hat-trick with a shattering four goal burst just before half time. All the goals came inside an eight minute spell of power that avenged two Premier Midweek Floodlight defeats last term.

But otherwise, Wycombe must wince with a little embarrassment at a scoreline that grossly exaggerates their part in proceedings.

WHIP HAND

In midfield, Hillingdon always held the whip hand, and, particularly in the second half, cracked it hard and often. Only their lack of strikers, with normal midfield man, Eddie Reeve upfront, let them down

in the goal stakes.

Neither side fielded a full strength team. Powell, Pritchard and Delaney, on England duty in Helsinki, were sorely missed in their own departments of Wycombe's framework, while Hillingdon kicked off minus first team regulars, Higginson, Knox, Lowe, Smee and Moore.

Goalkeeper Micky Lowe and captain Dicky Moore, both came on as substitutes during the evening, and, with Hillingdon reverting to a far less experimental style of play, Wanderers rarely looked like adding to their first half goal tally.

Moving Bishton, making his first senior team appearance, out from the van of their defence, Borough closed up tightly in the second half.

For it was by playing on his weakness that Wanderers suddenly rushed into an unassailable lead.

IN SUPPORT

After 33 minutes, with Paul Fuschillo in support, Horseman was able to line up a shot for goal. Trialist 'keeper, Bill Le Surf, did well to parry the ball, but Keith Searle nipped in from the left to angle in the first score.

Le Surf was obviously playing out of his class, and lacked the positional instincts to prevent the landslide that followed. Sixty seconds later, Johnny Hutchinson, followed up his hat-trick against Wolverton, by heading in from a cross off the right, with the goalie watching.

And within another three minutes, Tony Horseman, ran onto possession to deliver the third goal following some slick build up by Wycombe.

Le Surf stood stranded in the 40th minute, as Horseman added the fourth by looping a header over him from the edge of Hillingdon's box.

That was the end of Le Surf's trial, as Hillingdon quickly pulled him off to be replaced by their regular man, Lowe, who showed the class to suggest Wycombe might not have been so far ahead had he been there since the kick off.

NEAREST

The nearest Borough came to replying was in almost the last action of the evening when Reeve's shot crashed against the Wycombe bar, when he had only to touch the ball for a goal.

The match, gave Wanderers their chance to test Charlie Gale's ankle injury for the final 20 minutes, but the veteran full back will not be back in the running for another week at least.

The price of the Wycombe Hospital Cup was dear enough, with Barry Baker helped off in the 29th minute for treatment on a knee injury following a collision. Baker received nine stitches.

Afterwards, Wycombe skipper for the night, Tony Horseman, received the Trophy from Miss E. C. Newport, Matron at Wycombe Hospital.

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS: O'Brien; Fuschillo (sub. C. Gale 69th min.); MacLean; Rundle; Faulkner; Baker (sub. Blunt, 29th min.); Anthony; Horseman; Searle; Bremer; Hutchinson.

HILLINGDON BOROUGH: Le Surf (sub. Lowe, 40th min.); Batt (sub. Moore, 2nd half); Langley; Watson; Newcombe; Bishton; Fair-